

The 114th annual meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association was called to order by President Corwin Brown in Springfield, Feb. 19, 1983. Mrs. Faye Schuler, President of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce gave a welcome to Springfield. The pledge of alligance to the flag was led by Loren Schleining of the Junior Cattlemen. D. J. Schleining gave the invocation.

President Brown introduced several guests, including Jack Hall, Prowers County Assessor; Mrs. LaRue Frasier, Past Colo. Cowbelle Pres.; Marshall Frasier, past CCA Pres. & member of Colo. Beef Board; Roscoe Hargrove, Baca County Assessor; Colorado Division of Wildlife representatives; Federal Land Bank & PCA who provided refreshments; members of the press and news media; and noted that several had not arrived.

The cowbelles and juniors were dismissed.

Brown introduced Jack Gilstrap from Southern Cattlemen's Assn. who had a display of equipment outside.

Rosecoe Hargrove took the floor to discuss the tax changes brought on by the passage of Amendment #1. Mr. Hargrove noted that prior to passage, amendment 1 had many problems and still has several problems in classification.

Hargrove stated that one of the good points was no tax on livestock or machinery, including small business as of Jan. 1, 1983. Problems in the definition of terminology used in Amendment #1 is faced by the legislature to clarify by changes in the statuetes. There are now two percentage instead of one. Residential housing at 21% and land at 29%. If you have a home on one lot and have two vacant lots beside you, the one is figured at 21% and the lots are at 29%.

The agricultural land formula is based on 10 year earning capacity average with 10 year expense average of land lord share. This is information gained county by county. You use the avefages with a commodity price. He stated he saw a need for a review board of peers in each particular. The statute states that if based on a landlors's share you capitaliz the net income by 11½%. 29% of this final figure would be assessed evaluation.

On Grassland you need to gather the same information, aum's, dry feed, supplement, cost per acre. All landlord expense can be applied. Out buildings are done seperate. Problems in definition on what is a ranch, farm, etc.

There will be a taxexemption on gas, oil, etc. which will be a loss for many areas. Mill levies in many areas will probably raise to gain losses from the tax changes.

Mr. Hargrove then opened the floor to questions. Dr. Jim McMillin asked

about bills in the legislature to define, one bill is to change the cap rate, would Mr. Hargrove comment on it. Hargrove answered there are 3 statutes now before the state. He read a definition of agricultural land. Hargrove noted that he felt the cap rate needed to stay where it is at 11½% for at least 2 years.

Bernad Neill asked to have a clarification on grasslands to be classified by animal units? Hargrove noted yes animal unit per month (aum) used to convert to an acre cost. He felt this should be done from area to area even in each county.

Jack Hall asked about the average rental rate. Hargrove answered that the state set a price and each assessor needs to be able to justify any difference.

Jim McMillin asked why prairie hay was valued higher than alfalfa hay. Hargrove said he didn't know much except that he knew there had been questions concerning this particular subject. He suggested that on questions from a certain area, they should be taken to the state.

On Dryland farming Hargrove noted that just a small difference in precipitation will cause a change in yield from one area to the next and needs to be applied to what is typical to an individual area, within a county.

Following Hargrove's presentation Corwin Brown noted that the CCA has done a lot of statewide work holding seminars on Amendment #1.

A drawing was held for briefcases from the ~~Rxxxxxxx~~ First National Bank of Springfield -- Joe Autry and George Blackburn were winners.

Pres. Brown then introduced representatives from CCA including; Bob Manville, CCA Pres.; Tom Spencer, 1st vice Pres.; Gary Veithh, Cattleguard; Hew Hallock, Exec. Pres.; Mick Mendenhall, Treas.; Board of control member Narvey Larrew. Brown also introduced Baca County Sherriff Willard Goff and Ken Clark.

Following a break and some announcements, President Brown introduced CCA President Bob Manville of Walden. Manville relayed a special message from the San Luis Valley quoting "from the biggest to the 2nd biggest." Manville talked shortly on membership which is coming in slower than usual. Membership is needed to keep a strong voice.

Manville noted his feelings were the same as Mr. Hargrove's on keeping the cap rate at its present level. He discussed a move to make a bill to see special districts put back under control of county commissioners with the exception of the soil districts and water districts.

He noted that senate bill 6 concerning the definitions of land was a heated hassal. He then discussed some proposed changes in the trespass laws. Changed from a \$50 to \$100 fine and 20 points on a license.

Manville announced that the Colorado Cattlemen's Assn. will be looking forward to helping the Easter Seals with their marathon. Six members will help answer the phones and are hoping to raise \$3,000 before to present. This will be good publicity. A following Easter Seals function will take place in Sept.

Hew Hallock gave a summary of some things CCA is doing. He stressed working with local assessors and the work being done of corrections of definitions. At present time there are over 70 bills which will effect the industry. House bill 1272 legitamises all water conservation districts. A bill concerning water storage on dam safety regulations and liability. House bill 1171 concerning blowing soil which creates some liability guidance for damage from blowing soil.

Jim McMillin asked Hew about toxic waste. Hew stated there were several bills up for consideration. McMillin then asked about agandoned water-rights. Hew noted that the primary concern is notification of abandoned water rights. There are many water bills.

Roscoe asked about the possibility of going from a 4 year base to a 2 year base and the effect on public utilities and school funding. Hew noted that a present he knew nothing about it.

Presi. Brown passed out the copies of last years minutes to be looked over by those attending and that rather than being read, they would be corrected or approved during the business session.

Brown discussed the cap rate on land evaluation and noted that if the cap rate did increase to 15%, it would definitely lower land evaluation and if changed would probably be 9% therefore we should feel lucky at 11% as it is at present.

Pres. Brown introduced CCA 1st Vice-Pres. Tom Spencer head of CCA membership and member of the Colo. State Brand Board. Mr. Spencer stressed the need for a strong state association for a voice of the industry in the state. Spencer touched on the Bent-Prowers -- San Luis Valley ongoing contest for position of the largest. At present San Luis Valley is the largest.

Concerning the brand board, Spencer noted that every state in the west outside of Colorado is having problems financially. He noted that the Colo. brand board is operating in the black. Some success had been made through the Operation Cattle Theft Program. There have been some convictions and apprehensions.

Mildred Wollert presented the yearly report on the Southeast Colorado Cowbells. She noted the work done by the Cowbells on beef promotion. Mrs.

Hazel Matthews of Springfield was crowned their 1982 queen. They are in the process of makeing a cookbook.

Mrs. Cecilia McEndree won a gift certificate from Big R.

Taking the podium at this time was Sen. Jim Rizzuto. Mr. Rizzuto talked about what is going on in the state legislature. He discussed options being considered to make up a \$102 million deficit. Rizzuto who sits on the finance committee, noted the work being done on definitions for amendment 1. Such as feedlots wouldnot be considered agricultural, but commercial except for those on an individuals place.

The bill to raise the fee increase penalty assessment for overweight trucks. This bill would not include agficultural products^{or in} the local area.

Rizzuto noted that the purchase of Turk's Pond has cleard the appropriations committee and is now on its was to the house and senate for final approval. Turk's Pond will be under the division of Wildlife. Other bills concerned Hazardous waste, new motor vehicle inspection and water satellite program.

Pres. Brown than presented Marshall Frazier, past CCA president and member of the Colorado Beef Board, who gave a talk on the work being done by the Beef Board. Following a brief history of the board, Frazier discussed the beef check off fee being collected upon sale of beef. At present it is at 25¢ a head. There is a provision for refunds within 10 days.

Nationally, Marshall Frazier, stated that ~~xxxxxx~~ TV, magazines, trade magazines and promotional adv. has been started. The BIC budget of 1982 was \$8,009,000 with over \$6,500,000 for promotion. The 1983 budget well be over \$12,000,000. The member from Colorado is Tom Reynolds. Jim Clark from Montrose has replaced ~~xxxxxx~~ Tom Willis as head of the Colorado Beef Board. The Colorado Beef Promotion sent \$283,000 to the national program in 1981. Colorado is ranked 5th nationally in monetary participation.

Within the state of Colorado there is a budget of \$150,000 for promotion. At Stapleton Airport there is a billboard saying "There is nothing that satisfies like beef in Colorado." In Dec. there were 47 billboards up in Colorado. They are up again ^{for} Feb. There are 60 4 x 8 signs on individual ranches. Also, signs for trucks. Radio advertising and newspaper advertising in Colorado. Frazier played 3 one minute spots to be aired in the next 6 weeks on Colorado radio stations.

Under beef research, Frazier, noted there is study being done to consolidate parts together as steak. Under beef education Frazier commended the work being done by the Cowbelles.

Loren Schleining gave the report for the Junior Cattlemen with nine new members, four members receiving calves. The officers for 1983 will be Pres. Stacey Bezona, Vice-Pres. Cody Duvall, Sec.-Treas. Delane Creech, One Year directors, Randy Barnes and Wendy Stephens, Calf chain Sec. Stephanie Smartt, Two Year director Brian DuVall. Advisors are Ken Larrew, Jim Schleining, Steve McEndree, and Leland Barnes.

Corwin Brown then started the new business section of the meeting. Jim McMillin noted there were three corrections1. needed gift tax exemption on page 2. 2. page 2 Bob Hazelhurst name misspelled. 3. on the last page the 1st Nat'l Bank of Lamar needed to be added with McMillin's name as purchaser of the brand quilt. Jim McMillin then motioned the minutes of the annual be accepted with the noted changes. Barnes seconded. Passed.

Jim McMillin gave the report of the audit and budget committee. Copy of report at the back of the minutes. Jim McMillin motioned to accept the report prepared by John Smartt and Himself. Gene Keenan seconded. Passed.

Corwin Brown then introduced John Smartt who was elected the first Private Range Livestockman of the Year by Colorado Cattlemen's Association. Smartt then gave the report of the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Endowment Trust. Smartt motioned to accept the report. Jim McMillin seconded. Passed. Copy following the minutes.

Pres. Brown brought up the need to make a change in the trust agreement in Paragraph #4.03 to state that the President of the Trust does not have to be the President of the Association. John Smartt motioned to make the change. Gene Keenan seconded. Passed.

- 2nd Vice-President Gene Keenan then presented the slate of resolutions.
- #1 HB1022 - Bob Keenan Motioned and D.J. Schleining seconded. did not pass.
 - #2 10% withholding on savings. Dean Nichols motioned and Clyde MeVey seconded. Passed.
 - #3 Lincoln County Cattlemen's resolution to support theirs on antelope. Joe Oswald motioned and Dean Nichols seconded. Passed.
 - #4 Thank You
 - #5 Deceased members.

Jim McMillin, past president, gave the report from nominations committee. Officers for 1983 nominated were Leland Barnes, Pres.; Gene Keenan, 1st Vice-Pres.; Bill Sparks, 2nd Vice-Pres; Rebecca Larrew, Sec. Treas. Directors: Joe Kasa, Jim McMillin, John Smartt, Lew Mathews, Narvey Larrew, Jim Larrick, Dr. Jim McMillin, Randy Dunning, Ed Dean, D. J. Schleining, Corwin Brown, Clyde McEndree, Wade Swanson, W.T. Hughes, H.H. Mendenhall, John Givan, Patrick Karney, Tuffy Matthew, Virgil Lessenden, George Blackburn, and Wm. Rose, Ken Clark.

Dunning and Karney are two new directors to replace retiring Bill Wootten and Warren McKittrick.

Joe Autry motioned to vote by block approving the slate of officers and

and directors. Seconded by Dean Nichols. Passed,

Pres. Brown then turned the meeting over to the new president, Lealand Barnes. Barnes then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca S. Lawrew

Sec. Treas.

The Cowboy Punchbowl sponsored by area livestock haulers was held at the VFW Hall and the banquet was held at the Springfield High School. About 125 people attended the banquet. The Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Endowment Trust raised over \$350 by the sale of tickets for a handmade brnad quilt make by Nancy Barnes. Hew Hallock, CCA Exec. Vice President, won the quilt drawing. Musical entertainment during the dinner was given by the Springfield High School under the direction of Bill Patti. Life Memberships were given to Clyde MeEndree and H.H. "Mick" Mendenhall.

RESOLUTION 2

Whereas, The United States Congress recently passed a law that will adversely affect you and most other savers in the nation. Under this law, all banks, savings and loans, money market mutual funds, credit unions, mutual savings banks, and other payers of interest or dividends will be required to automatically withhold 10% of the interest and dividends earned by their customers and transmit this amount to the IRS. You already have to pay income taxes on your interest earnings--but now the IRS wants to take 10% of your total interest in advance.

Whereas, This is wrong as it will cut the amount of cash you have available during the year from your interest income.

Whereas, The amount withheld may not be correct for your tax bracket. If overwithholding occurs, you will have to file for a tax refund to get back your own money.

Whereas, Your total interest earnings will be reduced because of less income from reinvestment and compounding.

Whereas, Elderly persons and low income individuals (including children) will have to file an exemption certificate for each and every account they have in order to avoid withholding. If the exemption is not filed in time, a tax return must be filed the next year - or the withheld money will be forfeited to the government.

Now therefore, be it resolved that Bent-Powers Cattle and Horse Growers Association petition the congress by means of it's representatives and senators to repeal withholding on interest and dividends.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR LINCOLN COUNTY STOCKMENS ASSOCIATION FOR
ANTELOPE SEASONS, NUMBER CONTROL IN SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO.

WHEREAS: Lincoln County Stockman's Association has asked the Colorado Division of Wildlife to implement the following changes in Antelope seasons and license requirement -

- #1 Move antelope season to the middle of October or later, thus giving cattlemen more time to move their cattle off summer range and away from antelope hunters.
- #2 Issue more, either sex licenses or preferably more doe licenses.
- #3 Call any area over populated if there is more than one antelope per 640 acres in that area.

WHEREAS: Lincoln County Stockman's Association is our sister association to the northwest, and Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association members are having many of the same problems with antelope season and number.

THEREFORE be it resolved that Bent-Prowers go on record in support of Lincoln County Stockman's Association in the efforts to get these measures accepted by the Colorado Division of Wildlife.